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Applicant(s): Kobayashi et al. Serial No.: 09/187,700 Filed: November 6, 1998 For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY PROTECTING DATA IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STORAGE MEDIUM (as amended) Group Art Unit: 2132 Examiner: Newton, G.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month: ()(X)

Extension fee for response within second month: ()

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to (X)this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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